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CROSSFIELD, ALBERTA, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 28TH, 1917.

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We have a car load of Salt, Cattle, Dairy and Tallow.

For Sale—Three Fillies, Three Colts, One team of Mares, One Clydesdale, Two pure bred yearling Holstein Bulls. Would trade colts for cattle. Phone 602. Apply A. S. Smith.

Lost—One Red Sheep, 2 years old, black with white.

Branded by E. D. Hill. Brand on left hip.

Lost, between Oldfield's Hall and J. Grasby's, a Mink, Marmot Muff, on Nov. 29th. Apply U.F.A. Office or notify J. Grasby.

Lost, Two Yearling Steers, one red, and the other red and white. Branded G M on left ribs. Apply G. Murdoch.

Lost, Small Mill Cow, black and white. Miller.

Wanted—To get Four Horses fed for Winter. Apply J. D. Fike.

A Team of Light Mares will Sell, or Trade for a Heavy Mare or Gelding. Apply G. T. Jones.

Lost—Steel Tire Chain, between A. A. Hall's and Carson Bros. Garage. J. J. Anderson.

Lost—Bacon Hoiser, three years old. Branded **W** on right rib.

Wanted for immediate sale, a Team of Light Mares for Sale, or would trade for a heavy one.

Apply C. S. James.

For Sale—One Registered Berkshire Boar, about 18 months old \$50.

Young Boars \$25. One fresh calved Cow, 3 years old, \$100. Young Horses, some Brood Sows, about 18 months old. D. J. Miller,

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Money to Loan.

Local and General

The Tribunal Board resumed their sittings on Thursday last. D. Outkes has been appointed on the Board in the absence of Col. Carlisle.

The Crossfield School will re-open on Monday, January 7th. The Board have been fortunate in securing Miss McIntosh, of the Olds district, as teacher for the Primary department.

Miss Caroline O'Neill has received the appointment as teacher at the O'Neill School, and Miss Marie Onthes will make her debut at the Hawke School.

The W.A. of the Church of the Ascension will meet at the home of Mrs. Wolode, on Thursday, Jan. 3rd, 1918, at 2:45 p.m.

The Military Tribunal, on Thursday, dealt with three cases, as follows: James E. Gordon, cat. E, allowed; Jeremiah Marston, cat. E, allowed; Jos. Karmen, of Airdrie, allowed as farm hand.

Don't forget the Comedy Drama, "The Flowing Bowl," will be given on Friday evening, January 11th.

The fatal season did not get away on "feet of wind." On Saturday it gave at least 60 miles an hour. At 6 o'clock a fire broke out on Mr. Jarvis' place.

The family were downstairs when they heard a sound as of burning timber, and on proceeding to investigate found the whole of the upper story in flames. They at once made an attempt to fight the fire, but their efforts were to no avail, and they had to seek shelter in the outbuildings. In a short time the whole house and contents was a mass of ruins. A subscription list was opened and the response has been gratifying. Any person wishing to add to the list can hand their donations to Mr. G. T. Jones, Van Arnold or D. Outkes, who have the list in hand.

Red Cross Notes left over till next week.

Results of Xmas Examinations at Flora School:

	Marks	Marks
Grade VII.	Pos.	Pos.
Wilbur Badtorf	1300	811
Kathleen Purvis	Absent	
Grade VI.		
Ora Whittaker	1200	797
Calvin Orum	623	51.91
Grade IV.		
Phyllis Whittaker	1000	652
Fay Nichols	520	52
Harry Orum	464	46.4
Howard Nichols	405	40.5
Grade III.		
Walton Badtorf	1000	797
Grade II.		
E. Whittaker	400	341
Nellie Whittaker	338	84.5
M. RUDDY, Teacher.		

Farmers Insure your Buildings in the Wawanesa Mutual Fire Insurance Co. A Company of the Farmers and for the Farmers only. Costs only about 35 cents a year for \$100 Insurance.

Chas. Hultgren, Agent.

VICTORY LOAN

NOTICE.

The Canadian Bank of Commerce will be open for VICTORY BOND SUBSCRIPTIONS from 7-30 to 9-30 p.m. on Thursday and Friday, January 3rd and 4th, and from 2 to 6 p.m. on Saturday January 5th, 1918.

All having Subscriptions please come in Early.

PRODUCE MORE BACON

SCREENINGS FOR HOG FEED

The Provincial Department of Agriculture will receive applications from Individuals or Co-operative Associations for the purchase of Screenings for Feeding Purposes. Only "A" Screenings available, and in Car lots.

Write or wire for further information and prices to J. D. SMITH, Supt. Seed and Weed Branch, Department of Agriculture, Edmonton, Alberta.

Hon. Duncan Marshall, H. A. Craig,
Minister of Agriculture, Deputy Minister of
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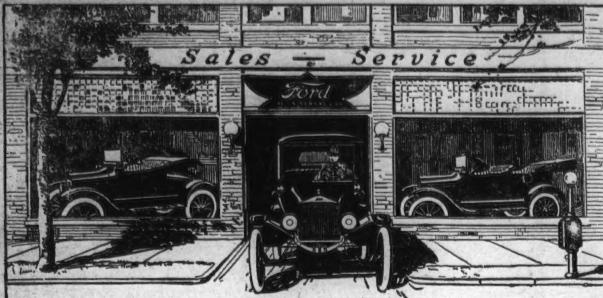
Council Meetings

The council of the Village of Crossfield will meet in the Council Chamber over Fire Hall on the first Monday of each month, commencing with February at the hour of 8:30 o'clock p.m.

By Order of the Village Council,
51-52. W. McRoy, Secy-Treas.

Land Wanted

I have buyers for from a Quarter to a Section of Good Improved Land. What have you to sell. Particulars to E. Nummey, 224-5th Ave. W., Calgary. Phone M. 6333.



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Compliments
of the
Season.

Y.M.C.A. Fund

We have been asked to open a Subscription list on behalf of the Y.M.C.A., and as we recognize the great amount of good that this Association has done on behalf of "Our Boys" we willingly do so. The benefits that have been derived from the huts at the front will never be fully realized, and as our resources the Association has to draw upon are the funds the public supply, we hope that all who are able to help will give something, so how little it may be. Remember the old saw, "Little drops of water."

A Sympathizer \$10.00
A Friend 1.00
Proceeds of Sale, etc. at the Rodney School 143.25

Train Service.

North Bound	-	1-17
"	-	8-31
"	-	14-12
South Bound	-	6-18
"	-	14-40
"	-	20-57
SUNDAYS,		
North Bound	-	1-17
"	-	14-12
South Bound	-	6-16
"	-	14-40

A Menace

To Canada

It is an undoubted fact that an attempt so extensively organized, and so deliberately carried out as to make its origin easily attributable to enemy agents has been made in Canada to discredit the Food Controller and to checkmate his efforts after the manner of the American Stars. This is but a vestige of invasion which have been scattered, broadcast. Nor have they come to life casually. They have started simultaneously in different parts of the country, and in each instance have been calculated to arouse public indignation. These untruths, in tangible quantities though they be, have the power of destruction that lies in a battalion of soldiers. They are insidious, subtle, persistent. Bit by bit they dissipate public trust, the great essential in the work of food control. They hamper the work of the Food Controller. It lies with every individual to forbear from criticism; to refrain from passing on the vagrant and harmful story; and thus the more effectively to co-operate in making what is going to mean more than the majority of people yet realize.

SYNOPSIS OF CANADIAN NORTH

WEST LAND REGULATIONS.

THE sole head of a family, or any male over 16 years old, may homestead a quarter-section of available Dominion land in Manitoba, Saskatchewan or Alberta. Applicant must appear in person at the Dominion Lands Agency or proxy may be made at any Dominion Lands Agency (but not Sub-Agency), on certain conditions.

Duties.—Six months' residence upon and cultivation of the land in each of three years. A homesteader may live within nine miles of his homestead on a part of it or up to 90 acres, on certain conditions. A homestead house is required except where residence is performed in the vicinity.

In certain districts a homesteader in good standing may preempt a quarter-section along the boundary.

Price \$3.00 per acre. Duties—Must reside six months in each of three years, cultivate 60 acres and erect a house worth \$300.00.

The area of cultivation is subject to reduction in case of rough, stony or scrubby land. Live stock may be substituted for cultivation under certain conditions.

W. W. CORY, C.M.G.
Deputy of the Minister of the Interior.
N.B.—Unauthorized publication of this advertisement will not be paid for

Wanted—Farm Listings, for Sale or Rent, at once.

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We are prepared to give Lowest Estimates and do the work forthwith, town or country. Write or phone, McINTYRE & CHITTICK, Builders and Contractors, 1008-12th Avenue W., Calgary. Phone w4828.

Wanted Land to Rent

WANTED—To Rent for immediate possession, a Quarter or Half Section of Land, near a Railway Town. Must have Dwelling-House, Stabling for 20 head of Stock, Fenced and Water, with some breaking. Apply to P.O. Box 296, Calgary, Alberta.

Crossfield School District No. 752

The REGULAR MEETINGS of the above School Board will be held at the School House, at 10 a.m. on the first Monday in the following months: January, March, May, July, September and November.

All matters of business pertaining to this district will be attended to at these meetings.

The office of the Sec.-Treas. is in the Crossfield Drug Store.

A. R. Thomas, Chairman.
Merrick Thomas, Sec.-Treas.

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Battering Enemy Defences

Machin Guns the Great Hope of the Germans

According to the special correspondent of the London Times at the front, the secret of the German's success in the war has been recognized since the earliest days of the war. In despatches describing the first day's fighting on the Somme, nearly 14 months ago, it was suggested that the essential feature of the future fighting on the front would be the coming between naval guns and ship's armor, an increasing effort on the one hand, to hide machine guns in iron and more impregnable positions, and on the other, to increase the intensity of heavy gun-fire to endeavor to knock them out. In despatches this has proved true. Many new features have come into the war since, such as tanks and booby traps, and new gas shells of various sorts, as well as an immense development of aerial warfare. But the essence of the German defense is the machine gun, continually disguised and used in new ways, and our supreme weapon against it is probably our artillery.

When the Somme battle began the Germans had their machine guns concentrated at commanding angles, with wooden emplacements, which raised them just above the own cover. We soon learned to pour over the line of trench such a concentration of gun fire that nothing could live under it, so that no machine gun could stand, then lie down when our men went over it. Then the Germans tried disposing machine guns, in addition to those which were concentrated in the trenches, in various positions along the roads whence they rained their bullets blindly over their own trenches and our own cover, at the ground across which our men were necessarily advancing. This machine gun barrage was never very effective; it caused large losses, but in the trenches and especially, masses of German prisoners, as they came out of the trenches under cover were being machine gunned back to the rear.

Meanwhile, the intensity of the artillery bombardments was altering the character of the fighting by creating what the Germans call the crater area, and the enemy began to make increasing use of the shell. We intensified our artillery fire posts, still wider areas, and supplemented them in turn with machine gun batteries, so securing all the open spaces, except a few, that it ranges established trench lines, machine gunners in open shell holes had a poor chance. This was built in "M.E.U." which was built into trenches, in shell holes, in commanding position on the crest of rising ground, and as far as possible from the strategic advantages. Many of these were built in advance of the trench lines far enough out so that No Man's Land to be present by the time the area covered by our bombardment.

The more recent fighting has seen a great and general increase of these and the most tremendous growth in the use of concrete, especially in the patch dealing with the fighting around Ypres corresponds—speaking of reinforced concrete structures, boxes, reduced armament and machine guns, which form the backbone of the German resistance. They are everywhere to be seen in old farm houses, crossroads, estaminets, and other buildings, as well as of old gun pits, and in every kind of fortification, whether nature or man-made, as quarries or cuttings of any kind. The chief feature of these defenses is that they can be dug to an indefinite depth, so that there is no definite line through which one penetrates our men can proceed over the surface. There are always beyond defenses. Where particular lines have to be defended the enemy is more than ever trying to make them as deep as possible, of the line as well as having them in depth behind. We are acquiring a large experience of the German construction, and we are learning as one by one they fall into our hands.

What of course, the German would like would be for us to advance in densities across country protected in the most artful and巧妙的 way. We have shown no desire to oblige him; though, as has been remarked before, he sometimes sees visions of the man in his munitions. Instead, we strike always at limited objectives behind the protective hedge of our gun pits, with no real intent to follow up the attack, but to inflict an effort at that wonderful manoeuvre which the enemy calls "battering through." We eat at the German defences a mile or half a mile or three miles at a time. Such of the machine gun positions or redoubts as survive our barrage, our men stalk the gunners, and with more men the enemy puts into the bit of ground attacked the more losses he has to kill, wounded, or captured. Having granted the sites which we set out to grasp, we retreat and wait for the counter-attacks.

Sun Too Hot To Burn

Various Theories Advanced as to Cause of Generation of Heat

Some of the scientists connected with the Smithsonian institute in Washington have been throwing light on the sun. Paradoxical as this may seem, it is not more paradoxical than their statement that the sun is not a burning ball, because it is too hot to burn!

They explain it in this way, writes Sir E. Wilson in the Sun. At six thousand degrees centigrade, the estimated temperature of the sun's surface, almost all chemical compounds can act as fuel nor form. When a chemical compound burns, its combustion is merely the process of oxygen and other elements uniting with the elements in the wood, which are now rearranging themselves into new compounds. All these thousand degrees of heat, mineral can exist as fuel, carbon, potassium and the like, nor will the intense heat prevent these elements from forming combustible pounds. Therefore, the scientists argue, the sun is too hot to burn.

What, then, they ask, causes its heat? Here the wise men fall into two classes. One ascribes the warmth to the secret of the contraction of the sun's mass about its own center of gravity. The later theory boasts of the more adherents, but it is by no means established as a fact. Indeed, when one considers the laws of mechanics, there seems to be a fatal objection, for, by a long and complex calculation, the contractors estimate that the sun's age at 17,000 years, but as a geology tells us the earth is older than this, the sun would then be younger than the earth, an obvious impossibility.

However, for my own peace of mind, let us adopt the contraction theory, since it implies that as ages merge into future ages the sun, instead of cooling, will grow even hotter. It is estimated that one cubic yard of earth weighs a ton, and is wagon-load. A cubic yard of sun-stuff weighs only 500 pounds. It could be loaded by a team of hussars. So there is plenty of room for the contraction of the sun, keeping up its heat.

And what wonderful heat is! It comes from the sun's 90,000,000,000 interplanetary spaces, the temperature of which is 273 degrees below the freezing point, and yet it arrives here a float, so that it raises 600 tons per square foot of the earth's surface. The established trench lines, machine gunners in open shell holes had a poor chance. This is a great deal of horse-power.

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That could only utilize this great power, or half of it, or a quarter of it, the fuel problem would be solved for all time. Thus far, however, the sun's sun-energy has not been utilized in using only about 4 per cent of the sun-energy received by the experimental solar engines. Writing for the Standard, Mr. S. E. Acherman, of England, describes his solar engine set up, receiving the concentrated rays reflected by mirrors having an area of 13,269 square feet, and developing energy at the rate of 63 usable horse-power per acre.

Helping the Farmer

First Loans Made Under Saskatchewan Farm Loan Act

The first loans made under the Saskatchewan Farm Loan Act have just been granted. One amounted to \$3,000 and was made to a farmer living in the vicinity of Regina, Saskatchewan, on a thirty-year basis at 6 1/2 per cent interest, and the year of payment is \$229.75. The loan for this and another amounting to \$1,700 were the first to be mailed. The loan came into force on May 1, and 14 applications for loans totaling \$4,000 have been received since that date. Of this amount about \$375,000 has been recommended already. The smallest requested loan is for \$100 and the largest for \$10,000, which has been recommended.

The act provides for the leading of a committee to go on the scene of first mortgage on farm lands, and the money must be expended on the improvement or development of the property. The board of the prairie commission, for the consideration of loans, not exceeding fifty per cent of the board's valuation of the property offered as security, and are repaid by annual instalments. The amount of interest is fixed by the board which consists of a commissioner and two other members with headquarters at Regina, Saskatchewan.

"Is Grump a club man?"

"No, the only thing he is a member of is the human race, and he's not in very good standing with that," Boston Transcript.

Amazing Exploits

The Indelible Record of the Canadian Forces in Flanders

If Alfred Tennyson could appear in the flesh today, he who wrote the deservedly famous poetic description of the "Charge of the Light Brigade" at Balaklava, whereof was recited the lamented late of "Six Hundred," when cannon to the right of them and cannon to the left, they charged into the jaws of death, he would not reason why, theirs to do or die," he would give his finest genius for poetic composition to the Canadian soldiers fighting from the Canadian soil.

No matter what the bravery that has been exhibited by all of the belatedly appearing allies of the war, this deadliest, most murderous of wars, marks the bravery of our own, who just now, in this awful border line to the north of us, to celebrate in history and in song.

What lyric, dramatic and tragical elements of the Six Hundred is immortal, but who shall tell the far finer story of the tragic drama of Canada, in the region of Lens and Cambrai, where the battle sent to the Acadia of glory in defense of liberty and democracy theirs to do or die?

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Canadian

Useful as Basis for Paper Industry, Expert Finds

The Canadian Pacific Railway company have not waited for the government's Commissioner Arthur Bostock with a paper mill of his own to begin to profit from the use of making paper from flax straw. He has demonstrated the feasibility of special industry in a preliminary report on the subject, showing that straw board can be made cheaply, and that a sort of straw lumber, in house and stable partitions, in houses, might be had at a price as low as \$5 or \$6 a ton. He is not enthusiastic as to the manufacture of straw hats, or the reasons already mentioned, which are apparently those who have had the longest experience in this industry, but as a paper-making material, straw fibre has been developed great measure.

Samples Mr. Little has sent to United States paper mills—which produce paper from straw, and paper specially made for paper banks—not have been very favorably reported on, and these manufacturers are prepared to put up their experiments. The strength, quality and color of these samples are very satisfactory, and it may be that prices for such fine paper banks from \$100 to \$200 a ton, while in normal times, before the war, the prices were from \$100 to \$200 a ton.

Given favorable transportation the utilization of flax straw in the Canadian West would not only benefit the paper mills, but the prairie farmers, who for the last year there has been a lamentable loss but would mean a certain settling of the prairie, on the products of these farms and giving a new and wide range and variety to the paper export trade, which it could not attain in any other way.

A Little Mistake

Capt. Jones was a very round-headed and energetic officer.

On a particularly dark night in Egypt, whilst practising his company in outpost duty, he approached the sentries, who failed to hold him.

In a great rage the officer demanded of the now trembling sentry the reason of why he had omitted to challenge him.

"If you please, sir," stammered the confused soldier, "I thought you were a camel."

The Imperial Bank of Germany has been compelled to put out 359,000 marks more paper money, bringing up the total to 2,000,000 above the amount outstanding at the same date last year.

Huns Fire Messages Through Barrage

Only Method Left Them to Keep in Communication With Their Lines

The French artillery barrage fire has been used by a special correspondent of the London Times to such a degree of density and intensity that the Germans, in order to keep in communication with their lines back of the lines, have been forced to use messages in a grenade or a shell and fire it through the barrage.

In the early part of the war the Germans used the system of running back field telephones from the advancing troops. When these lines had been cut, the first efforts were made to run the lines underground. But here again the French, high explosive shells were found to be inconveniently buried at a depth beyond their reach.

Wireless telegraphy has since been tried, but the Germans, together with flying airplanes, with the use of individual soldiers who endeavored to run back through a barrage with a message, have sent to the point of view of human life and of uncertainty as to the eventual arrival of the message to do little good.

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Trash Makes Fires

Every Accumulation of Trash Is a Constant Menace

A pile of trash that has been lying around for a long time, and wet, is tinder. A spark and a little breeze will be the cause of the burning of trash.

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The Big Crop

Western Canada's Wheat Crop Estimated at 217 Million Bushels

An estimate of the crop of Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba, compiled by a special correspondent of the London Times, places the total yield of wheat of these three provinces at 217 million bushels; oats at 221 million bushels; barley at 41 million bushels, and rye at 61 million bushels. These figures have been arrived at by personal observation, as a result of travelling 5,000 miles by road and railway through the provinces since the first of August, conversation with government officials and others who were in a position to know the crop, and are based on the acreage furnished by the three provincial departments of agriculture in conjunction with the Dominion census and statistics bureau.

Working independently at the same time, a special correspondent arrives at an estimate for the three Prairie Provinces of 214 million bushels of wheat, 187 million bushels of oats, 61 million bushels of barley, and 61,443 bushels of rye. This estimate has been based on an exhaustive inspection of the three provinces by a special reporter of the paper, the report of over two hundred correspondents. The wheat estimate has been arrived at on the basis of a yield of 20 bushels for Manitoba, fourteen for Saskatchewan, and twenty-five for Alberta. It is now felt to be conservative, as the yields are expected to be greater than was anticipated a short time ago, and the Toronto estimate, at least as far as wheat is concerned, will most likely be found nearer the mark.

But taking the lower estimate of 217 million bushels, the value of the wheat Canada will crop on the basis of price of which has been fixed for No. 3 Northern wheat, viz., \$2.15 per bushel, will be \$400,000,000 which is very conservative what it is considered that the large crop of 217 million bushels will most likely be of the high grades.

Fine Words of a Chief Justice

Head of the Supreme Court of North Dakota Aroused Enthusiasm of American Lawyers

At the dinner of the American Bar Association at Saratoga Springs, N.Y., recently, at which the head of the bar of North Dakota and at which Gaston de Leval, Edith Cavell's son, also spoke, Chief Justice Andrew A. Brewster of the supreme court of North Dakota aroused the enthusiasm of the lawyers who were present.

He took from the viewpoint of the foreign-born, I and millions of others like me, came to this country alone, without money and without friends, who had her free lands, her free schools, and, above all, her spirit of open-hearted comradeship. We have given our best to the nation, and we have done our duty to our country, and we have been counseled to her enemies and were disloyal to her cause.

Chief Justice Bruce is a native of India, his father having been a Scotsman and an officer in the British army. It was while lecturing on law in India that he became a barrister, and he was chosen to represent the Indian bar at the bar of the English bar at 10 o'clock at night "otherwise I should go mad," he added. Well, he could stand anywhere, even in the face of the enemy, and his foes advancing he would say, "Call me when they reach such and such a point."

Lily shows Hannibal to have been similarly blast. He could abstain for days from meat, and when he did eat, he would eat on a rock and sleep like a dormouse.

London Daily Chronicle.

10,000 Acre Wheat Farm

The Noble Ranch produces a 300,000 Bushel Crop

The Noble ranch at Nobleford, Alta., created a great name for itself last season. It cropped and harvested one thousand acres of wheat in 56 bushels to the acre, and netted a gross revenue of about \$100,000. People thought that was a good record, and that the Noble ranch showed good judgment if they did not try to exceed themselves. A 1,000-acre crop was somewhat a gamble even in the best of seasons, but the Noble ranch, in their abounding confidence in their land and in their farming abilities, had planted a acre and had good yields.

A spark, however, is not always necessary. There is such a thing as spontaneous combustion. Lots of people don't realize that inanimate objects can catch fire.

A lump of sodium dropped into a pan of water bursts into flame in a few seconds. Common unashed wood, when it comes in contact with moisture, and wet lines have been the cause of the burning of many a lumber yard.

In a great rage the officer demanded of the now trembling sentry the reason of why he had omitted to challenge him.

"If you please, sir," stammered the confused soldier, "I thought you were a camel."

"What is the price of this embroidered skirt?"

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**Crossfield School
Primary Room Report**

Promoted to Grade III, Howard Halliday, Jean Whillans, Grace Sackett, Alfred Stevens, Pearl Patmore, Laura Becker, Ernest Kline. Promoted to Grade II, Stella Gordon, Gwendolin Ontkes, Henry Johnson, Clifford Reid, Tommy Birsland, Stanley Low, Frela Patmore, Leonard Pullen, Edna Johnson (recommended).

Prizes were given to the following for highest standing for the term—Grade II, Howard Halliday. Special mention to Jean Whillans, Alfred Stevens and Grace Sackett.

Grade Seint I., Stella Gordon, Gwendolin Ontkes (equal).

Special mention, Tommy Birsland, Henry Johnson.

Junior I, Bobbie McLaren.

Special mention, Ernie Lowe, Ernest Tweedale, Clayton Reid.

Promoted to Senr. I, Bobbie McLaren, Ernie Lowe, Ernest Tweedale, Frances Patmore, Clayton Reid, Floyd Banta.

**Council Meeting of the
Rural Municipality
of Rosebud No. 280**

The tenth regular meeting of the Council of the Rural Municipality of Rosebud No. 280, was held in the Municipal Office in Carstairs Friday, Dec. 14th, 1917.

Members present : The Reeve, Deputy Reeve, and Councillors Copely, Landymore and Stearns.

The minutes of the last regular meeting were read and adopted.

A communication from the Hall Board was read. Moved by the Reeve that the Secretary-Treasurer interview the Hall Board to adjust their claim on this Municipality—Carried.

Communication regarding Halifax Relief was read. Moved by Councillor Copely "That the Reeve and Deputy Reeve be a committee to attend a meeting to be held in Calgary, to form an association to be known as the Halifax Relief Association for Southern Alberta, and that this committee so appointed by this council have full power to act." Carried.

Committee appointed to investigate the damage claimed by Mr. Watt required a loss, if so resolved "That Committee Stearns be authorized to adjust the claim if possible."

Moved and carried "That the Secretary Treasurer ask for tenders from Union and Merchants' Bank in Carstairs and the Bank of Commerce, Crossfield for borrowing powers up to \$15,000 with best rate of interest and any other inducements they see fit to offer."

Resolved: "That this Council submits a resolution to the L.L. and R.M. Commission asking the consideration of changing date of the (their) Meeting the date of the first Monday in December."

The following accounts having been found correct were ordered to be paid on the motion of Councillor Landymore, vis.—Calgary General Hospital \$36.00 J. W. Briggs 30.00 McIlroy and Son 23.00 Aldrich Boyce Lumber Co. 21.58 McInnis Bros. 1.00 Crossfield District Co.'s Assoc. 35.40 Carstairs Journal 0.60 Western Muni. News 13.85 C. W. Hislop 1.00 Wm. Mine 5.50 Wm. Laut 111.45 J. M. Johnson 48.15

The following later sheets, previously were passed and the Secretary was authorized to issue cheques for the amounts:

Div. No. 1. \$25.00 Div. No. 2. \$150.00
Div. No. 3. \$25.00 Div. No. 4. \$33.75
Div. No. 5. \$8.00

The following Councillors accounts were presented and ordered to be paid, viz.—J. A. Copely 125 C. A. Stearns 125 W. Landymore 125 Levi Siebert 125

Next Council meeting at January, 1918.

Crossfield Christmas Tree

On Thursday evening last the O.O.P. Hall was packed to its limits the occasion being the joint Christmas tree and Church of the Union Christmas and the Day School. The scholars of the day school under the direction of Principal Morrow and Miss Giesner, rendered the programme, which consisted of songs, recitations, piano forte solos, and little plays.

Mr. A. R. Thomas, the Chairman of the School Board, presented the day school prizes for merit in their respective grades, and gave a short address.

Excitement reached its highest point about 9 o'clock, when there was heard in the distance a muffled ringing of bells, and Old St. Nick Claus paid a visit and was soon busy handing out presents to every child present, which ranged from a tin trumpet, yes even to an automobile. Before he took his departure the Christmas tree presented a very forlorn appearance. At each child left the room they received a bag containing oranges, nuts, candy, etc. We must not forget the little boy who presented Santa with a letter containing a drawing, which, no doubt, were numerous.

The Committee wish to thank all those who so heartily helped to give the children a good time at the Xmas Tree Entertainment. A pleasing feature of which was the envelopes brought in by children for the Belgian Xmas. Seven dollars has been forwarded to the Secretary.

Receipts.

Union Church and School \$15.00

Anglican Church 10.00

Anglican Church of Ascension 5.00

Expenditure.

Messrs. Louis Halliday \$10.50

Mrs. Stevens 9.05

Trade 7.45

30.00

Expenditure.

Messrs. Louis Halliday 8.00

Mrs. Stevens 7.45

Trade 8.00

30.00

A. J. WILSON, Treasurer.

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